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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Sir:

Appellant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated January 31, 2003 of the Examiner finally rejecting claims 1 - 17 (claims 1 - 7 and 9 - 18 are now pending in the application).

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. [] An extension of time until \_\_\_\_ to respond to the final rejection is enclosed.

2. [X]

A timely response to the final rejection has been filed.

3. [X]

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Not required (fee paid in previous appeal)

[X] Charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 02-1653.

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